Frederick's solon

We in the Frederick area are fortunate to have among us an authentic solon, a man of great wisdom. He explains what is going on in the world as it is explained almost nowhere else, thus adding to our knowledge of the world. Withal he is of exemplary modesty. Never once that I can recall his saying "I told you so" to report how wise he was and how far in advance of the rest of the world.

There is a recent illustration I feel that, in fairness and in recognition of his commendable modesty, I ought to call to attention because, modest man that he is, he will not take proper credit for himself.

Several years ago much of the world, including our own government, alleged that an Arab who adopted the name of "Abu Nidal" was a "terrorist." He was indicted in Italy, which earlier had allowed him to escape, and he is still a wanted man there and elsewhere. It was universally stated that Abu Nidal is a cold-blooded murderer, master of a gang of assassins and a cold-blooded terrorist.

However, our local man of wisdom saw through the fog of official denunciations and the clouds of blood shed. He stated quite explicitly that Nidal and others like him (the basic requirement is that they be Muslims) were not terrorists and indeed were the Islamic reincarnation of George Washington and Tom Jefferson and our other founding fathers.

There now is abundant confirmation of our wise man's characterization of Nidal and his associates. From Greece, which gave us the original solon and for years has given the wanted Arabs sanctuary and opportunities for what the rest of the world wrongly condemns as terrorism when it is merely patriotism, Islamic style, as explained to us by our wise man.

Greece was rewarded (I almost said "appropriately") by these "patriots" on a number of bloody occasions. *The Washington Post* of July 13 reports on what then were the two most recent:

"Greek police blamed Arab terrorists today for the attack on a cruise ship crowded with foreign tourists . . . in which at least 11 persons died and more than 50 were injured."

"Less than 24 hours after the grenade and automatic rifle assault" on the cruise ship Greek police associated it with the self-detonation of explosives and weapons similar to those found on the cruise ship. They were in an auto holding several Palestinians who appear to have been intending to rendezvous with those "patriots" engaged in what the ignorant among us call "piracy." Those who went to Muslim Martyr's heaven prematurely also had $2,700 in U.S. currency with them.

These demonstrations of the real "patriotism" were attributed to Abu Nidal by Greek and some western authorities. *The Post* recalled that the pattern was similar to those of his attacks on the Rome and Vienna airports in which so many innocents were slaughtered on the altar of this "patriotism." It did not recall his earlier piracy in which his gang killed an aged and crippled American, Leon Klinghofer, then threw his corpse and his wheelchair overboard, into the Mediterranean.

That was relatively amateur "patriotism" because, although the sea was heartless with the offending wheelchair, it did yield up, some weeks later, what the fishes left of what had been Leon Klinghofer. By the time the "patriots" assaulted this Greek cruise ship they were well prepared to capture it, if their car had not exploded, or reduce it to ashes. This began when they dropped grenades down its smokestack. While the ship was burning, many of the passengers jumped overboard to escape the "patriots" and the fires they started. Some of these survived, but some were chopped to pieces by the ship propellers.

The Washington Post, staff and editors, are as wrong as the Greek and other police and many observers because it described these authentic patriots, as our local wise man sees patriots and patriotism, as "Arab terrorists." How stupid they all are not to see the George Washington touch in the burning of this tourist ship after the original "patriotic" plot was aborted when those other "patriots" ascended to Muslim martyrdom when their car exploded.

How dumb they all are not to perceive the real "patriotism" in the machine-gunning of Danes, Germans, Moroccans, Swedes, Britains, Greek and other passengers on the ship that could no longer be pirated.

If the rest of us cannot see that murder, assassination, piracy, arson and torture are actually "patriotism" then we are perhaps beyond salvation.

Because I believe that the true modesty of our own reincarnated solon ought not be without public notice and the praise it warrants, I make this humble effort.

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